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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2629

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TAGS: SNAR CO

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN DRUG ABUSE STUDY  
BY COLOMBIAN SENATOR.

DR. LUIS BLANCO GUTIERREZ CURRENTLY MEMBER OF COLOMBIAN HOUSE  
OF REPS AND SENATOR ELECT WILL BE VISITING THE US ON COMBINATION  
PLEASURE AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS FROM MAY 11 THRU JUNE 15, 74. DR.  
BLANCO IS PROMINENT ENGLISH SPEAKING SURGEON (STUDIED AT YALE  
IN 1955) WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL  
MEMBERS OF GOC CONGRESS IN AREA OF DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. HE  
SERVED AS SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRES PASTRANA ON DRUG AFFAIRS AND  
STRONGLY SUPPORTED PASSAGE OF COLOMBIA'S NEW, MORE STRINGENT  
LAW ON NARCOTICS. WAS ELECTED SENATOR FROM CUNDINAMARCA (BOGOTA)  
ON LIBERAL PARTY TICKET APRIL 21, 1974.

DR. BLANCO WILL TRAVEL TO WASHDC MAY 11 AND ATTEND HIS DAUGHTER'S  
WEDDING ON MAY 18. ON JUNE 1 HE PLANS TO ATTEND CLASS REUNION  
AT YALE UNIV FROM MAY 20 TO MAY 31, DR. BLANCO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM ARRANGED ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
REHABILITATION IN WASHDC AND NY. COLOMBIAN CONGRESS HAS COM-  
MISSIONED DR BLANCO TO MAKE AN INTENSIVE STUDY IN THESE AREAS  
WITH VIEW TO FUTURE GOC LEGISLATION.

EMB WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT, SAODAP AND OTHER AGENCIES ARRANGING  
MEANINGFUL PROGRAM FOR BLANCO MAY 20 TO 31. REGRET SHORT NOTICE,  
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BUT AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIP FROM GOC ONLY RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

GOC PROVIDING ROUND-TRIP TICKET BUT NO PER DIEM. DR. BLANCO HAS  
INQUIRED AS TO POSSIBILITY OF US FUNDING TEN DAYS PER DIEM FOR  
DAYS SPENT IN ACTUAL CONSULTATION. EMB NARCOTICS COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST IF FUNDS AVAILABLE, BUT BLANCO WILL FOLLOW  
ARRANGED PROGRAM WITH OR WITHOUT PER DIEM.

REQ DEPT INFORM EMBASSY BY MAY 10 IF POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE DESIRED  
PROGRAM, IF PER DIEM FEASIBLE, AND NAME OF PERSON OR PERSONS  
BLANCO SHOULD CONTACT IN WASHDC.  
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